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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educationally backward blocks where the female rural literacy is below the national average and gender-gap in literacy is above the national average;

(b) the total number of such blocks where the National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level is operational;

(c) the impact on enrolment and retention scenario; and

(d) the total number of Muslim Minority girls enrolled in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) during the year 2006-07?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRIM.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (d): A total of 3073 educationally backward blocks were identified as per 2001 Census where the female rural literacy was below the national average and gender-gap in literacy was above the national average. National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) scheme is operational in all these blocks. The enrolment of girls and total enrolment has gone up to 48% at primary level and 46.5% at upper primary level by 2006-07. 6645 muslim minority girls were enrolled in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in educationally backward blocks upto 31st December, 2007.